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IN THE YEAR 20XX, A SUPER ROBOT NAMED MEGA MAN HAS PLEDGED TO STOP THE EVIL DESIRES OF DR. WILY AND PROTECT THE WORLD. MEGA MAN NOW FIGHTS ALONGSIDE HIS FELLOW ROBOT MASTERS TO DEFEAT THE FORCES OF EVIL!

MEGA MAN™

PREVIOUSLY...

Disorder in the Court!

Dr. Albert W. Wily has tried to take over the world three times now – through theft, armies and even machines from space. However, his every plan has been foiled by the heroism of Mega Man.

Dr. Wily's last plan blew up in his face when the evil, alien machine, Ra Moon, betrayed him and tried to destroy the world. After Mega Man critically damaged himself after destroying Ra Moon, Dr. Wily began plotting on how to turn things to his advantage, starting with the rescue of Mega Man.

Now Dr. Wily is on the stand for his crimes, ready to prove his "innocence" to the world with the help of the Blue Bomber. Rock honestly thinks that Dr. Wily has turned over a new leaf, but things are not what they seem...

CHARACTER SELECT
MEGA MAN
HERO OF LIGHT LABS
DR. THOMAS LIGHT
ROBOTICS GENIUS/FATHER OF MEGA MAN
DR. ALBERT WILY
MAD SCIENTIST
WILY'S ROBOT MASTERS
MAGNET MAN, SNAKE MAN, SHADOW MAN, SPARK MAN, HARD MAN, GEMINI MAN, TOP MAN & NEEDLE MAN

STANDARD COVER CONTAINS ENDING 1

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LANFRONT RUINS-- TEMPLE OF THE MOON...

WEEKS AGO...

GRAHHHHHHHHH!

SHA-KOOM!

RA MOON
EVIL SPACE ROBOT

MEGA MAN
ROBOTIC BOY HERO

RA THOR
ALIEN TITAN

...DID... DID I DO IT ...?

YOU GOT HIM, BOY! WHAT A SHOT!

...GOOD...

DR. WILY
CONNIVING SCIENTIST

HAHAHA! REST YOUR PROCESSOR, KID. YOU SAVED THE WORLD. MORE IMPORTANTLY-- YOU SAVED *ME!* AND I...I...

...I'VE HAD YET ANOTHER PLAN FALL APART!

M-MASTER ...W-WILY? WHAT'S ...WHAT'S GOING ON?

HARD MAN
DWN-020

BREAK MAN
MEGA MAN'S BROTHER

NO! NO! RA MOON!

MY MASTER!

SHADOW MAN
ROBOT MASTER BUILT FROM ALIEN PARTS

YOU WILL PAY FOR THIS, HONORLESS SCUM!

OKAY...BYE?

TOP MAN
DWN-021

GEMINI MAN
DWN-019

SHOULD WE GO AFTER HIM, SIR?... WHEREVER HE WENT?

NO! LEAVE HIM BE FOR NOW. HE'S IN NO SHAPE TO FIGHT. AT LEAST I'VE GOT THE REST OF YOU BACK UNDER MY CONTROL.

WE'RE VERY SORRY ABOUT THAT, SIR. I DON'T KNOW WHAT CAME OVER US...

MAGNET MAN
DWN-018

THE WORLD IS SAFE--THAT'S WHAT MATTERS. SO...WHAT NOW, DOCTOR?

SOON...

≒KZZT!≒ HUH? WASSAT?

WILY! GET OUTTA MY SYSTEMS! YOU'RE NOT TURNIN' ME INTO YER WEAPON AGAIN!

GUTS MAN
DLN-004
ALLY OF
MEGA MAN

WHOA! EASY, BIG GUY!

WHA--?

WILY DID A QUICK PATCH JOB, BROUGHT US BACK ON-LINE.

AND THAT'S *ALL* HE DID, SINCE DR. LIGHT SAFEGUARDED OUR CODING.

BOMB MAN
DLN-006
ALLY OF
MEGA MAN

BUT...BUT...RA MOON! WE WERE FIGHTIN' RA MOON!

YEAH, AND MEGA MAN BLOW'D HIM UP *GOOD!* I GOTTA GIVE THE KID PROPS--HE'S A DEMO-LITIONS PRO.

AH! SO THE KID DID IT! WHAT ABOUT ALL THE OTHER ROBOT MASTERS? THE WILY ONES AND THE EVEN WORSE WILY ONES?! DID MEGA MAN CHASE 'EM OFF?

WELL...NO. THEY ALL TOOK OFF WHEN RA MOON WENT DOWN. AS FOR MR. ROCK...

CUT MAN
DLN-003
ALLY OF
MEGA MAN

IF YOU'RE *QUITE* FINISHED ASKING POINTLESS QUESTIONS...

...PERHAPS YOU'D LIKE TO HELP ME *SAVE MEGA MAN'S LIFE?*

MEGA CITY--FEDERAL COURT...

DAYS AGO...

...AND DO YOU ADMIT TO BEING JEALOUS OF DR. THOMAS LIGHT?

YES! YES!

HE WAS ENJOYING SUCH SUCCESS, AND I WAS CHAFING UNDER MY BAN FROM RESEARCHING ROBOTICS! *I'M ONLY HUMAN!*

SO YOU DID SOMETHING DESPERATE, DIDN'T YOU?

I DID!

I WENT TO THE FORBIDDEN LAN-FRONT RUINS! I THOUGHT IF I COULD SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF THE U.N. DISASTER,* I COULD WIN BACK SOME GOOD WILL!

*AS DETAILED IN MM#29.

BUT THERE I FOUND RA MOON PREPARING TO DESTROY MANKIND!

HE TOOK CONTROL OF MY MIND! THROUGH MY GENIUS, HE UNLEASHED TERRIBLE WRONGS AGAINST MY FELLOW MAN!

ALL MY GOOD INTENTIONS--TURNED TO ***EVIL!***

BUT STILL I FOUGHT BACK! I BUILT ROBOTS TO COMBAT RA MOON. AND THEN I WAS SAVED, ALL THANKS TO HIM!

STATE FOR THE RECORD WHO YOU'RE POINTING AT, DOCTOR!

ROCK--BETTER KNOWN AS *MEGA MAN!*

YOUR HATED ADVERSARY?

ONLY BECAUSE RA MOON FORCED ME TO FIGHT HIM. WE ARE ENEMIES NO MORE. AND ONCE CLEARED OF MY CHARGES, I SWEAR TO REPAY THE DAMAGES I CAUSED.

DESPITE YOUR *INNOCENCE*?

BECAUSE IT'S THE *RIGHT* THING TO DO.

THE TRIAL GOES ON...

...AND YOU *DID* SEE DR. WILY FIGHTING AGAINST RA MOON, DIDN'T YOU?

Y-YES, SIR.

EIGHT OF HIS ROBOT MASTERS HELPED ME. THEY SAID RA MOON'S PLANS WEREN'T DR. WILY'S PLANS. AND THEN HE BUILT A ROBOT CALLED RA THOR SPECIFICALLY TO DESTROY RA MOON--

THANK YOU! NOTHING FURTHER.

...AND ON...

...AND ASIDE FROM ALBERT'S BLOOD, WE FOUND TRACES OF PSYCHO-TROPIC CHEMICALS AND ALPHA-WAVE RADIATION. IT WAS LIKE RA MOON WAS DESIGNED TO WARP HUMAN MINDS.

AND AS FOR RA MOON IT-SELF?

IT WAS *NOTHING* LIKE ANY-THING WE HAVE ON EARTH. A TRULY TERRI-FYING, ALIEN CREATION.

LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT DR. LIGHT'S TESTI-MONY, IN CONJUNCTION WITH EVIDENCE EXHIBITS C THROUGH Q, *PROVES* BEYOND A SHADOW OF A DOUBT MY CLIENT WAS *USED* BY THE SAME MONSTER THAT ATTACKED OUR WORLD! THE DEFENSE RESTS!

...UNTIL...

WILL THE DEFENSE RISE FOR THE VERDICT?

THIS CASE IS IS UNPRECE-DENTED, TO SAY THE LEAST. DR. WILY BROKE THE U.N. QUARANTINE OF THE LAN-FRONT RUINS AND ORCHES-TRATED THE WORST ROBOT VIOLENCE IN HISTORY...

...TO SAY NOTHING OF VIOLATING HIS BAN FROM WORK-ING IN THE FIELD OF ROBOTICS.

THAT SAID, THE OTHERWISE DUBIOUS CLAIMS OF MIND-CONTROL ARE BACKED BY THE FINDINGS OF DOCTOR LIGHT'S TEAM, AS WELL AS THE INITIAL U.N. RESEARCH OF THE RE-GION. AND, GIVEN THE PROMISE TO PERSONALLY SEE TO REPARATIONS, I'VE COME TO THE MOST REASON-ABLE CONCLUSION I CAN MAKE.

DR. ALBERT W. WILY, I HEREBY FIND YOU INNOCENT OF ORCHES-TRATING THE ROBOT MASTER ATTACKS, BUT GUILTY OF VIOLATING YOUR BAN FROM ROBOTIC SCIENCES AND BREAKING U.N. QUARANTINE.

I SENTENCE YOU TO FIVE YEARS' HOUSE ARREST UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF YOUR LEGAL GUARAN-TOR...DR. THOMAS LIGHT... UNDER THE CONDITION YOU FOLLOW THROUGH ON YOUR PROMISE TO PAY FOR DAMAGES.

HMPH. WELL, I SUPPOSE BEING YOUR HOUSE PET IS BETTER THAN BEING A FELON. THANK YOU, TOM.

NOBODY ELSE WOULD MAKE SUCH AN EFFORT TO CLEAR MY NAME.

AS I SAID WHEN I FIRST BROUGHT YOU ON AS A CONSULTANT TO LIGHT LABS: I'LL DO WHAT I CAN, AL.

WHILE *YOU'RE* UNDERSTANDING TO A FAULT, I DON'T THINK THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS GOING TO BE AS WILLING TO FORGIVE WHAT I'VE DONE.

I'LL SEND MY BILL TO LIGHT LABS, SHALL I?

I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THAT.

THE FIRST STEP IS TO TAKE YOU OUT OF THE PUBLIC EYE FOR A WHILE. THE SECOND IS TO REINTRODUCE YOU TO THE WORLD ATTACHED TO A PROJECT SO WONDERFUL IT OUTSHINES YOUR SHADIER PAST.

Y'KNOW, NO MATTER OUR DIFFERENCES, THERE'S ONE THING WE'LL ALWAYS AGREE ON:

EVERY PROBLEM CAN BE SOLVED WITH A NEW ROBOT!

THAT'S THE SPIRIT!

SO... DOCTOR WILY IS GOING TO BE *LIVING* WITH US.

YEAH. IT'S GOING TO BE WEIRD.

"WEIRD"? HE TRIED TO DESTROY YOU!

REPEATEDLY!

IT WAS RA MOON'S FAULT! WE HELPED PROVE THAT!

UGH... I DIDN'T KNOW PROVING IT MEANT HE'D MOVE IN WITH US...

SOON-- LIGHT LABS...

...AND IF I WERE APPLYING THOSE TRANSISTORS-- WHICH I'M *NOT*-- I WOULDN'T WIRE IT THAT WAY.

THAT MIGHT BE WHAT YOU'RE *CONSULTING* ME TO DO, BUT I'M PUTTING THEM OFF THE MAIN GRID TO KEEP THE HEAT LOW.

AH, BUT A MORE ECONOMIC POWER FLOW WOULD DO THAT, NO?

HAHA-- TOUCHÉ!

WHAT ARE YOU TWO BUILDING?

IT'S AN EXPERIMENTAL NEW ROBOT DESIGN. THE DIVERSE OPERATIONS CIRCUIT ROBOT WILL BE AN OPEN SHELL WHERE WE CAN TEST OUT MULTIPLE ROBOT MASTER SYSTEMS AT ONCE.

SO...IT'S KINDA LIKE ME? HE CAN USE ANY TOOL WITHOUT A COPY CHIP?

YES. INSTEAD OF BUILDING AN ENTIRE ROBOT MASTER, WE CAN USE THIS ROBOT TO MORE ECONOMICALLY TEST OUT NEW SYSTEMS AND TOOLS.

HMM...OR IT COULD BE LOADED UP WITH DATA AND MADE MORE DANGEROUS THAN I EVER WAS...

YOU FOUGHT TO PROVE MY INNOCENCE!

AND I FOUGHT THREE SETS OF ROBOT MASTERS YOU THREW AT ME! I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT THIS ROBOT, TOO!

EASY NOW-- *BOTH* OF YOU.

A LOT HAS PASSED BETWEEN ALL OF US.

AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO GET FAR WITHOUT TRUSTING EACH OTHER.

EXCEPT YOUR BOY IS RIGHT, THOMAS. HE'S SHARPER THAN I GAVE HIM CREDIT FOR.

LET'S TAKE A BREAK. WOULD YOU TWO GET US LUNCH, PLEASE?

THAT ROBOT WAS MEANT TO TRUMP MEGA MAN, SINCE COPY ROBOT FAILED SO MISERABLY* AND MY INDIVIDUAL ROBOT MASTERS ARE A LIABILITY DUE TO THAT BLASTED COPY CHIP, ** AN ALL-IN-ONE WAR MACHINE COULD OVER-WHELM THE BRAT!

ALL OF MY PLANS WILL BE FOR NOTHING IF MEGA MAN FIGURES ME OUT **NOW!** ALL THE ROBOT MASTERS IN THE WORLD CAN'T HELP ME IF--!

*MEGA MAN GRAPHIC NOVEL VOLUME 1.
**LETS MEGA MAN COPY WEAPON DATA.

GYEEP!

HMM... ROCK'S WORDS REALLY GOT TO YOU.

=AHEM= YES, WELL, "FROM THE MOUTHS OF BABES," AS THEY SAY.

LET ME SHOW YOU SOMETHING. REBUILD YOUR CONFIDENCE A LITTLE.

...WHY DO YOU HAVE AN ELEVATOR IN A SINGLE-STORY LAB?

HEH! AS IF A SINGLE FLOOR COULD CONTAIN MY IDEAS.

SWEET MOTHER OF NEWTON! WHAT *IS* THAT?

THAT, MY FRIEND, IS MY GIFT TO THE WORLD.

A ROBOT DESIGNED BIG ENOUGH AND POWERFUL ENOUGH TO HANDLE *ANY* GLOBAL CRISIS.

A CRISIS LIKE RA MOON.

PRECISELY.

HOW DID YOU FIND THE TIME TO BUILD ALL THIS?!

I'VE HAD A NUMBER OF ROBOTS BUILDING THE BASIC STRUC-TURES, AND I PUT ON THE FINAL TOUCHES MYSELF. IT WAS MY NEXT BIG GOAL AFTER THE FIRST LINE OF ROBOT MASTERS.

...AND YOU'RE SHARING IT WITH ME.

WHY, THOMAS? I WAS BARRED FROM WORKING WITH ROBOTICS. I TURNED YOUR CREATIONS AGAINST YOU. *ER*... NOT IN MY RIGHT MIND, OF COURSE, BUT STILL... HOW CAN YOU BE SO FORGIVING?

AND IF I TURNED YOU AWAY--THEN WHAT? LET YOU BE BITTER AND VENGE-FUL? AND IF YOU LASHED OUT, WOULD IT BE MY TURN TO SEEK REVENGE?

PERHAPS IT'S NAÍVE OF ME TO THINK THIS WAY, BUT I IMAGINE WE'D LIVE IN A MUCH NICER WORLD IF MORE OF US TOOK ON THE BURDEN OF FORGIVE-NESS THAN INDULGED IN KEEPING SCORE OF WHO WRONGED WHO.

I'M TRULY SORRY IF YOU FEEL INSULTED BY THE CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES. I HOPE YOU CAN FIND IT IN YOUR HEART TO FORGIVE ME ONE DAY.

HEH-HEH... YOU ARE TRULY ONE OF A KIND. I...I'M SORRY IF I'M NOT ALWAYS AS... GRACIOUS AS I COULD BE.

THEN SHALL WE LET BYGONES BE--?

"...BE BYGONES?" HELLO?

HE'S FROZEN BY MY TIME STOPPER, SIR--

GAH!

--AND I'VE GOTTEN PRETTY GOOD AT SPARING INDIVIDUAL TARGETS, QUICK MAN INSISTED.

FLASH MAN
DWN-014

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? HOW DID YOU GET PAST THE LAB'S SECURITY?

I'M BRINGING YOU THE UPDATE YOU REQUESTED, AND ON TIME, I MIGHT ADD.

AS FOR THE SECURITY, BREAK MAN'S OLD ACCESS CODES STILL WORK HERE. APPARENTLY THE OLD MAN LEFT THEM IN CASE HE EVER CAME BACK "HOME." *TSK.*

ANYWAY--YOUR FORCES ARE PERFORMING ADMIRABLY. CONSTRUCTION ON YOUR NEWEST CASTLE IS NEARING COMPLETION.

SHADOW MAN HAS BEEN CONVERTED,* BRINGING YOUR STANDING ARMY TO SIXTEEN ROBOT MASTERS, NOT COUNTING BREAK MAN AND THE LESSER ROBOTS.

*LAST ISSUE.

...DID I MISS SOME-THING, SIR? IS SOME-THING WRONG?

NO! I MEAN...NO, YOU'RE DOING EVERY-THING RIGHT. JUST LIKE I TOLD YOU. CHECK BACK AT THE APPOINTED TIME FOR NEW ORDERS.

CARRY ON AS NORMAL UNTIL THEN.

YES, SIR.

=SIGH=

OKAY... YOU CAN DO THIS. REMEMBER THE BIGGER PICTURE HERE.

...AND YOU CAN ALWAYS CHANGE PLANS AT THE LAST MINUTE BEFORE HE EVER--

--BE BYGONES?

OF COURSE, OF COURSE. SO TELL ME, WHAT DOES THIS BEHEMOTH RUN ON?

AH! WELL, GIVEN ITS SIZE AND POWER...

...IT REQUIRES EIGHT ESPE-CIALLY LARGE AND REFINED ENERGY ELEMENTS.

PUT ME BACK QUITE A BIT, AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, BUT...

TITANIUM PARK --DOWNTOWN MEGA CITY.

TODAY.

"...AND BRING A BRIGHTER FUTURE NOT ONLY FOR HUMANITY, BUT FOR MYSELF..." SHOULD I EVEN *MENTION* ME?

*ARGH...*I'M NO GOOD AT PUBLIC SPEAKING!

YOU DID FINE WHEN YOU WERE THREATENING EVERYONE.

THIS IS IT. I EITHER CALL IT ALL OFF NOW, OR GO THROUGH WITH MY PLANS.

I SHOULD STICK TO MY AGENDA. AFTER ALL--THIS IS WHAT I WANT...ISN'T IT?

BUT THESE PAST FEW WEEKS, WORKING WITH THOMAS AGAIN, HAVE FELT...GOOD.

FUN. JUST LIKE THE OLD DAYS WHEN--

NO TIME FOR COLD FEET, AL. COME ON-- LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH.

"OVER WITH"? IT'S *YOUR* PRESENTATION!

YES, BUT I *HATE* GIVING SPEECHES!

CLAP! CLAP! CLAP!

GOOD MORNING TO YOU ALL, AND THANK YOU FOR COMING HERE TODAY.

IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE A YEAR HAS PASSED SINCE THE UNVEILING OF MY ROBOT MASTERS, DOES IT?

OUR ROBOT MASTERS. I HELPED.

SO MUCH HAS HAPPENED TO MY FAMILY AND ME AND FOR LIGHT LABS SINCE THEN.

AND THROUGH IT ALL, I COULD NOT BE PROUDER OR MORE HUMBLED BY THE SACRIFICES MADE BY MY BOY. WHILE HE'LL ALWAYS BE "ROCK" TO ME, YOU ALL HAVE COME TO LOVE HIM AS "MEGA MAN."

AND ME. I WAS DEALING WITH RA MOON, REMEMBER?

*LAYING IT ON A LITTLE THICK, AREN'T YOU? WHAT ABOUT ALL **I'VE** HAD TO ENDURE, JUST TO BE ON STAGE WITH YOU?*

CLAP! CLAP! CLAP!

*IN FACT, ALL OF THIS WOULD'VE BEEN AVOIDED IF I'D BEEN UP HERE THE **FIRST** TIME!* AND EVEN THOUGH I'M HERE NOW, YET AGAIN, I'M ONLY GETTING PARTIAL CREDIT. **MY** GENIUS COMING UP SECOND TO HIS.*

BUT TODAY I'M HERE TO ANNOUNCE THE NEXT BIG STEP FOR LIGHT LABS...

**MEGA MAN GRAPHIC NOVEL VOLUME 1.*

*AND THE CROWDS WILL CHEER FOR THOMAS BECAUSE **HE** IS SO NICE! **HE** IS SO FORGIVING! AND ISN'T HE **SO KIND** TO **ALLOW** LITTLE OLD ME TO BE GIFTED WITH **SECOND** BILLING?*

*NO! THERE'S NO TURNING BACK! WE'RE GOING AHEAD WITH THE PLAN, AND SOON EVERYONE WILL **TREMBLE** AT THE NAME--!*

...DOCTOR ALBERT W. WILY!

CLAP?

MUTTER

COUGH

...ALONG WITH MY CONTEMPORARY AND LONG-TIME FRIEND...

=;AHEM=
THANK YOU, DR. LIGHT.

TRULY, IT'S ONLY THROUGH YOUR GENEROSITY AND GOOD WILL THAT I WAS ABLE TO OVERCOME MY HARDSHIPS OF THE PAST YEAR, AS FORCED BY RA MOON.

TODAY WE USHER IN A NEW, BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR ALL OF HUMANITY. YES, INCLUDING PEOPLE LIKE ME.

HAHAHA

IN THE BEGINNING, DURING THE "ALPHA STAGE" OF ROBOTICS, WE CREATED SIMPLE ROBOTS TO HELP IN DAY-TO-DAY ACTIVITIES. TOOLS TO HELP OUR EVERYDAY LIVES.

DURING THE "BETA STAGE," LIGHT LABS INTRODUCED THE *ROBOT MASTERS*, ALMOST HUMAN IN THEIR INTELLIGENCE AND DECISION-MAKING CAPABILITIES, THEY ENABLED ROBOTS TO EXPAND THE RANGE AND COMPLEXITY OF WAYS THEY HELP US.

NOW WE MOVE ON TO THE NEXT STAGE, WHERE ROBOTS HELP US WITH CRISES THAT, PREVIOUSLY, WERE UNMANAGEABLE. EARTHQUAKES, TSUNAMIS, TORNADOS, VOLCANOES--ALL OF THEM NOW NEGLIGIBLE HAZARDS. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I PRESENT TO YOU--

--GAMMA!

FUELED BY SOME OF THE RAREST AND MOST POWERFUL ENERGY ELEMENTS KNOWN TO MAN, GAMMA WILL--

BOOM!

GET DOWN!

BOOM!

DRIVE AWAY THE HUMANS, SECURE THE ENERGY ELEMENTS, THEN SCATTER.

SNAKE MAN
DWN-022

SPARK MAN
DWN-023

NEEDLE MAN
DWN-017

YOU GOT IT!

LIKE TAKING CANDY FROM A BABY!

HRRGH! WHICH YOU WOULD TOTALLY DO.

THOSE ...THOSE LOOK LIKE MY DESIGNS. ARE THEY --?

YES, THE ONES WE CO-DEVELOPED THAT RA MOON STOLE!

YOU COULDN'T JUST HIDE FOREVER!

YOU HAD TO COME BACK --ATTACK US...

...HURT MY DOG --!

STOP IT! I *COMMAND* YOU TO STOP!

RA MOON IS *DEAD!* YOU DON'T HAVE TO FOLLOW HIS WISHES!

BLAM!

BLAM!

BLAM!

THEY GOT AWAY...I COULDN'T STOP THEM...

WHIIIINE...

NO! DON'T TRY TO TRANSFORM! WE'LL TRACK THEM DOWN LATER!

ARE ...ARE YOU HURT ?

MY CHANCE... MY *ONE* CHANCE AT REDEMP-TION...

ALBERT...

DON'T WORRY, DR. WILY. I *WILL* FIND THOSE ROBOT MASTERS, AND I *WILL* GET THE ENERGY ELEMENTS BACK!

A CHANCE AT REDEMPTION

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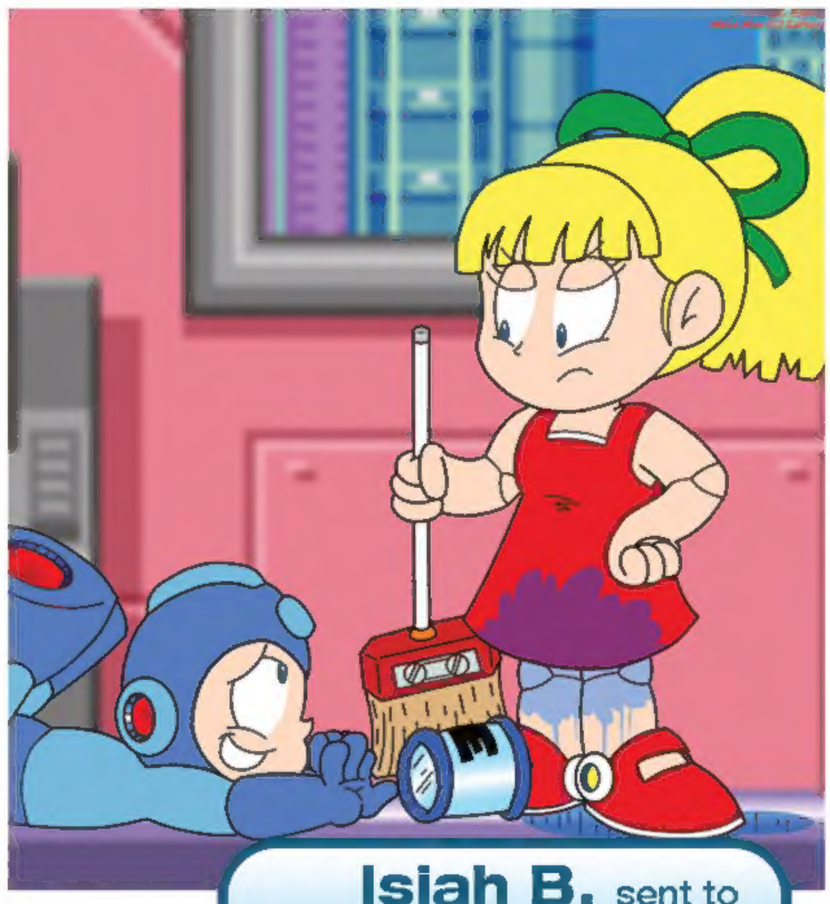

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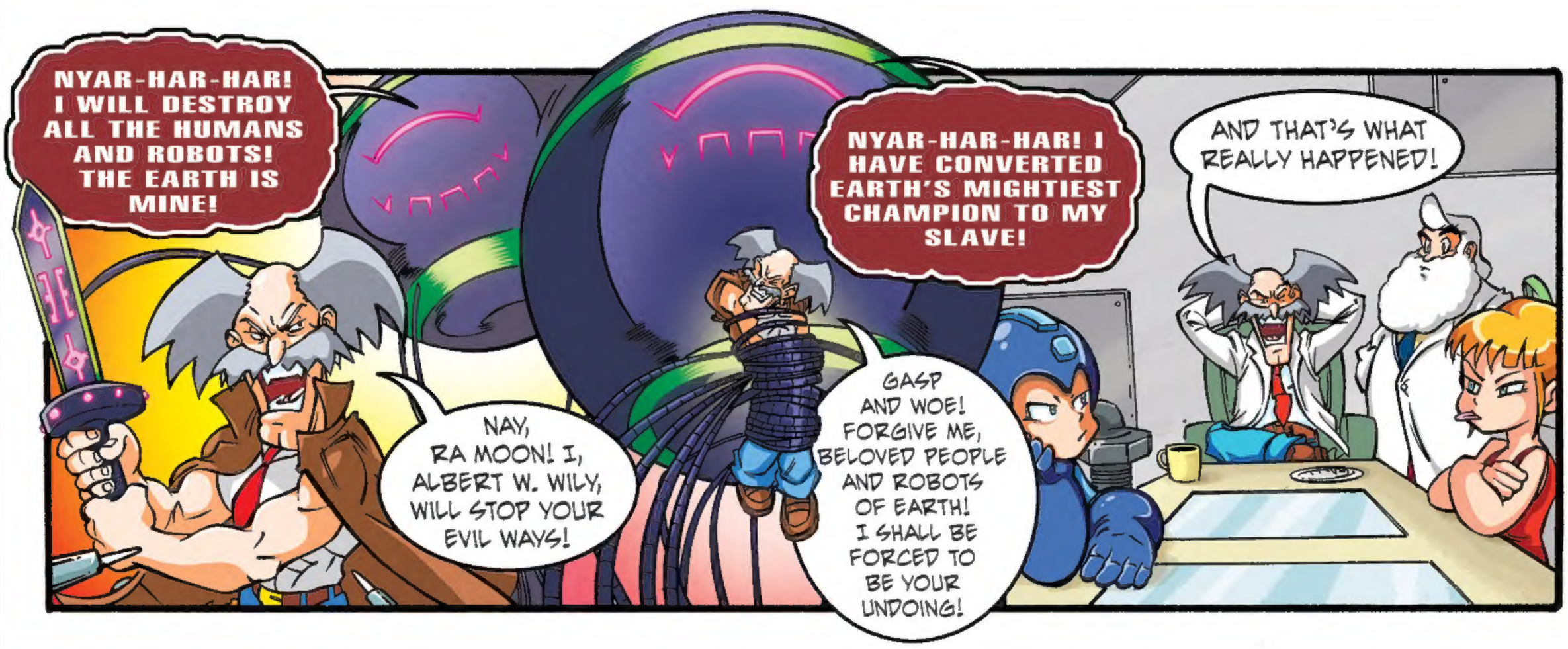
NYAR-HAR-HAR! I WILL DESTROY ALL THE HUMANS AND ROBOTS! THE EARTH IS MINE!
NAY, RA MOON! I, ALBERT W. WILY, WILL STOP YOUR EVIL WAYS!
NYAR-HAR-HAR! I HAVE CONVERTED EARTH'S MIGHTIEST CHAMPION TO MY SLAVE!
GASP AND WOE! FORGIVE ME, BELOVED PEOPLE AND ROBOTS OF EARTH! I SHALL BE FORCED TO BE YOUR UNDOING!
AND THAT'S WHAT REALLY HAPPENED!

MEGA-MAIL

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Dear Mega-Mail,
I loved the first part of the Mega Man X story! I've been a X fan since I played the games as a kid. I noticed that some parts of the comic story are word-for-word like the story in the game manual that I read back in the day. It has been a while since then, but you guys made it just like I imagined it would be back then.

We know a lot of fans like you were looking forward to seeing X in comic book form. I'm glad to hear you enjoyed it so much!

If no one has claimed it yet I would like to be X's fan #1!!!

I believe you are the first to claim it in print! I deem it so!

Mega Man X would be a great story arc all its own, or even its own series! I can't wait to see more of the story.

You are in luck! The Dawn of X storyline begins next issue and features even more of the world of Mega Man X!

I'd love to see Zero too he's one of my favorite characters. Thank you all for the great work making one of the best comics ever and for bringing one of my favorite game characters to life.

Mega Man X fan #1
Micah G. sent to
MegaMan@ArchieComics.com

Thanks, Micah. Keep it here for more future adventures and Zero too!

Dear Mega-Mail,
Hey there awesome guys from Archie.

Well hi there awesome person from our world!

I have some Mega X-citing questions to ask you.

I might just have some answers for you ranging from mega-adequate to mega-awesome!

1.Will Zero's past be revealed in the comics at any time?

Maaaayyyybbeeee...

2. Is there ever going to be another Archie crossover like the Sonic/ Mega Man one cuz that was awesome!

If we get enough support and hear plenty of awesome praise like yours I think anything is possible!

3. Will Mega Man ever do a story on the obscure games like Mega Man and Bass? I would love to see that.

Our mega-scribe Ian Flynn has plans for incorporating all of the games from the main stories as well as spin-off titles. It's just a matter of time!

4. And last but not least could I PLEASE be X's number one fan?????

You're gonna have to talk with Micah G.!

Thanks for all of the great stories from Ian. I love the drawings from Spaz and Ben Bates and I really hope to see more comics drawn by Jamal Peppers.

From Sean M.
***(also)* X's number one fan sent to**
MegaMan@ArchieComics.com

Thanks for the letter, Sean!

That's all for now! We'll see y'all next time for the first of the four part "Dawn of X" storyline pencilled by Jamal Peppers!

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IT'S BEEN SLOW GOING, BUT THEN AGAIN I'M CAUTIOUS. YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN I MIGHT COME ACROSS ANOTHER TREASURE LIKE YOU!

X
DR. LIGHT'S FINAL CREATION

DR. CAIN
ARCHAEOLOGIST & INVENTOR

HAHA! DON'T GET YOUR HOPES UP TOO HIGH. FINDING MY CAPSULE WAS A FLUKE.

WHAT CAN I SAY? I'M A GREEDY MAN OF SCIENCE. I'D LOVE TO GET MY HANDS ON ANOTHER FUNCTIONING RELIC FROM YOUR ERA.

"CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR, SIR...

"...YOU MIGHT NOT LIKE WHAT YOU GET."

MEGA MAN AND DR. WILY'S ALLIANCE HAS JUST BEGUN! SEE HOW THIS UNLIKELY DUO FACE THE PRESENT AND FUTURE COLLISION NEXT TIME IN "DAWN OF X!"

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